

# Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

## Junior Ranger Activity #4



### Spotsylvania Court House



**Look at the battle map by the exhibit shelter. Can you find the places listed below?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brock Road    | <input type="checkbox"/> Landrum House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McCoull House | <input type="checkbox"/> Bloody Angle  |



**Next, read the exhibits inside the shelter and answer the questions below...**

- The Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse was part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign.  
Overland                      Virginia                      Union                      Peninsula
- What battle occurred just before Spotsylvania Court House?  
Chancellorsville              Gettysburg                      Appomattox                      Wilderness
- Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ led a somewhat successful attack against General Lee's line on May 10, 1864.  
Robert E. Lee                      Ulysses S. Grant                      Emory Upton                      William Perry
- Some people called General Grant a \_\_\_\_\_ because of the high number of lives lost at Spotsylvania Court House.  
Devil                      Butcher                      Undertaker                      Murderer
- The armies continued to fight on towards Richmond after this battle ended. Name three more battles that occurred after Spotsylvania Court House.  
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For the next activity, leave the shelter and walk down the path to your right. Make sure you take an adult with you! Look up and you will see a monument that looks like a pyramid with a plus-sign on top. Walk over to it for the next activity...

Monuments are created for many different reasons. They help us remember important historic events, people and places. We can learn a lot from monuments not just because they tell us about history, but because they also tell us why people thought something was important and how they wanted it to be remembered. Read each side of this monument carefully and answer the questions below.

What does this monument look like to you?

Who is this monument for?

What happened to him?

Who created this monument?

Why do you think they want to create this monument?



Next, read the two signs just beyond the monument you explored and answer the questions below.



After the Battle of the Wilderness, the Union army was excited because General Grant led them forward to continue fighting instead of going into camp. Read the quote about the march to Spotsylvania Court House. After a march like this, would you feel ready to fight a battle? Why or why not?



Look across the field indicated by the sign. What do you see that might have made attacking across this field difficult?



## Keep Exploring!

The picture to the right shows a tree that was cut down by bullets during the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House! When you get to the Bloody Angle (Tour Stop 3), look for a small square marker. This marks the spot that the tree to the right once stood.

